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DECEMBER 1, 1947 GENERAL FARM PRODUCTION

DECEMBER DIGESTS

Above normal rainfall received in all areas of the State during November. It was the wettest November since weather records began in 1887.

Fall grain seedings far behind schedule due to wet weather, and it is doubtful now if farmers will be able to seed all of their intended acreage.

Corn, cotton, soybean and peanut harvest further delayed by the continued wet weather.

Principally due to record yields, the State's 1947 corn crop will be the largest of record.

The aggregate tonnage of grain produced in the State this year will be about 16 percent larger than in 1946.

Sharp drop in prices received for hogs, corn and cottonseed noted. Wheat reaches highest price level since July, 1920.

The National total feed concentrate supply is expected to be about 14 percent smaller than a year ago.

November milk production per cow above that of November last year reflecting the good condition of late pastures.

This issue contains the 1947 annual crop Summary with 1946 and 10-year average estimates for comparison. Thus, it should be filed conveniently for reference.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Statisticians of the Crop Reporting Service send you Christmas and New Year's Greetings, with the wish that prosperity continues during 1948.

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TOBACCO CROP GREATER THAN INDICATED EARLIER

Based on sales data total flue-cured production in North Carolina is now placed at 900,100,000 pounds or only 1 percent under the record crop of 1946. Sales are almost completed in the Old and Middle Belts.

Yields per acre have been generally less than last year for the flue-cured crop. Only the Eastern belt produced more pounds per acre than in 1946. In this belt the yield is placed at 1,180 pounds, or 30 pounds above the previous record yield of 1,050 pounds in 1946.

The Burley crop was estimated at 15,360,000 pounds or 6 percent above last year. The yield per acre promises to be about 1,600 pounds or 100 pounds more than the previous record yield of 1,500 pounds in 1945.

PEANUTS

The State's crop of peanuts for picking and threshing estimated at 343,100,000 pounds is 26 percent larger than the 1946 crop and 13 percent larger than the 10-year average. Yield prospects declined during November due to continued wet weather, but the 1,175 pounds per acre now estimated is considerably above the 925 pounds harvested in 1946 and is near the 10-year average.

COTTON

December 1 reports indicate a 440,000 bale crop for the State this year - the same as for 1946 but 26 percent smaller than average. About 77 percent of the crop had been ginned to December 1 compared with 83 percent ginned the same date last year.

The yield of lint, indicated at 341 pounds per acre for 1947, is 29 pounds smaller than that of 1946 and 7 pounds smaller than the 10-year average.

The acreage for harvest in 1947 is estimated at 619,000 acres, or 9 percent larger than for 1946 but 25 percent below average.

A United States crop of 11,694,000 bales is estimated, as of December 1. This is an increase of 3,054,000 bales above the 1946 crop but 696,000 bales below the 10-year average.

GENERAL CONDITIONS DURING 1947

Weather conditions during 1947 were quite variable. First, the winter was unusually open permitting field work. The spring was late delaying planting. Then dry weather prevented seed germination and plant growth. A wet summer or crop growing season followed. Favorable summer weather ended in late September with the effects of a tropical storm. Frequent heavy rains continued through November.

These conditions resulted in a fair to excellent yield of small grains. Hay crops were good but much was lost during harvest. Cotton started well but weevil damage began in August. Tobacco was variable but above average yields were harvested. Fruits were even more variable. Crops showing great promise even in October were seriously hampered by too wet harvesting conditions. These included soybeans, peanuts, corn, sweetpotatoes, hays and lespedeza, also the unfavorably wet fall weather has prevented the expected seeding of some small grains for 1948.

FEED SUPPLIES NORTH CAROLINA

An average yield of 30.5 bushels per acre of corn was realized this year compared with the 27 bushel yield in 1946. Total production of corn is estimated at 65,209,000 bushels, or an increase of about 6 million bushels from 1946 production.

The 1947 wheat crop is now placed at 8,449,000 bushels, oats at 12,302,000, barley at 840,000 bushels and rye at 299,000 bushels. This gives a total of 87,099,000 bushels of grain produced in the State this year against only about 78,597,000 bushels produced in 1946.

The 1947 hay crop is estimated to be slightly less than that of last year.

UNITED STATES

The total feed concentrate supply for 1947-48, including feed grains by-products feeds, and estimated wheat and rye to be fed was estimated in mid-November at 139 million tons. Carry-over of feed grains in 1948 probably will be at the lowest level since the years following the droughts of 1934 and 1936.

ANNUAL SUMMARY - ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS 1946 AND PRELIMINARY 1947

CROP	UNIT	ACREAGE HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			SEASON AV. PRICE REC'D BY FARMERS		VALUE OF PRODUCTION <u>1/</u>		
		AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	
		THOUSAND ACRES						THOUSANDS			DOLLARS		1,000 DOLLARS		
GENERAL CROPS														NORTH CAROLINA	
ALL CORN.....	BU.	2,353	2,160	2,138	21.0	27.0	30.5	49,302	58,320	65,209	1.85	2.20	107,892	143,460	
CORN, FOR GRAIN.....	BU.	2,298	2,106	2,080	21.0	27.0	30.5	48,136	56,862	63,440	1.85	2.20	105,195	139,568	
CORN, FOR SILAGE.....	TON	15.8	15	15	8.4	8.5	9.2	133	128	138	-	-	-	-	
CORN, FOR FORAGE.....	-	39.4	39	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WHEAT.....	BU.	476	371	497	13.6	17.0	17.0	6,456	6,307	8,449	2.24	2.45	14,128	20,700	
OATS, FOR GRAIN.....	BU.	273	390	394	24.4	33.0	29.5	6,722	12,870	11,623	1.05	1.10	13,514	12,785	
BARLEY, FOR GRAIN.....	BU.	26	30	35	22.1	27.5	28.0	598	825	980	1.61	1.65	1,328	1,617	
RYE, FOR GRAIN.....	BU.	46	22	24	9.6	12.5	14.0	435	275	336	2.35	2.65	647	870	
SORGHUM FOR SIRUP.....	GAL.	12	15	13	65	81	73	774	1,215	949	2.10	2.00	2,552	1,898	
COTTON, LINT.....	LB.	828	570	619	348	370	341	2/ 597	2/ 440	2/ 440	3265	3150	71,751	69,300	
COTTONSEED.....	TON	-	-	-	-	-	-	245	177	179	71.70	82.00	12,691	14,678	
TOBACCO, ALL.....	LB.	630.8	811.8	809.6	961	1,142	1,131	607,802	927,425	915,460	.493	.422	457,638	386,285	
TYPE 11.....	LB.	244.5	311	311	891	1,120	1,060	218,714	348,320	329,660	.450	-	156,744	-	
TYPE 12.....	LB.	307.8	395	395	1,000	1,150	1,180	307,988	454,250	466,100	.525	-	238,481	-	
TYPE 13.....	LB.	70.0	96	94	1,013	1,150	1,110	71,274	110,400	104,340	.511	-	56,414	-	
TYPE 31.....	LB.	8.4	9.8	9.6	1,124	1,475	1,600	9,825	14,455	15,360	.415	-	5,999	-	
IRISH POTATOES <u>3/</u>	BU.	85	83	72	100	152	128	8,453	12,616	9,216	1.20	1.58	15,139	14,561	
SWEET POTATOES.....	BU.	78	61	64	102	120	115	7,847	7,320	7,360	2.29	2.15	16,763	15,824	
LESPEDEZA SEED.....	LB.	143.2	178	160	196	230	210	28,472	40,900	33,600	.099	.130	4,049	4,368	
HAY CROPS															
ALL HAY.....	TON	1,178	1,253	1,225	.96	1.02	.99	1,130	1,283	1,207	25.40	29.00	32,588	35,003	
ALFALFA.....	TON	8	17	19	1.94	2.30	2.35	16	39	45	-	-	-	-	
CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.....	TON	68	89	84	1.04	1.25	1.15	72	111	97	-	-	-	-	
LESPEDEZA.....	TON	380	505	530	1.07	1.15	1.05	408	581	556	-	-	-	-	
SOYBEAN.....	TON	194	150	150	1.09	1.10	1.15	210	165	172	-	-	-	-	
COWPEA.....	TON	125	32	29	.85	.90	1.00	106	29	29	-	-	-	-	
PEANUT.....	TON	239	288	251	.62	.60	.60	148	173	151	-	-	-	-	
GRAIN.....	TON	74	88	70	1.00	1.10	1.00	75	97	70	-	-	-	-	
OTHER HAY.....	TON	84	84	92	1.08	1.05	.95	91	88	87	-	-	-	-	
SORGHUM FORAGE.....	TON	16	15	14	1.90	2.00	2.15	30	30	30	23.00	20.50	690	615	
LEGUMES															
SOYBEANS:															
GROWN ALONE.....		354	342	363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
INTERPLANTED.....		417	254	241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EQUIVALENT SOLID.....		563	469	484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HARVESTED FOR BEANS.....	BU.	196	212	261	11.4	13.5	15.0	2,219	2,862	3,915	2.71	3.00	7,756	11,745	
GRAZED OR PLOWED UNDER		172	107	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
COWPEAS:															
GROWN ALONE.....		162	62	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
INTERPLANTED.....		317	116	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EQUIVALENT SOLID.....		321	120	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HARVESTED FOR PEAS.....	BU.	70	28	22	4.7	5.5	5.0	334	154	110	4.84	5.00	745	550	
GRAZED OR PLOWED UNDER		126	60	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PEANUTS:															
GROWN ALONE.....		278	317	311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
INTERPLANTED.....		4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EQUIVALENT SOLID.....		280	318	312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PICKED AND THRESHED.....	LB.	262	295	292	1,168	925	1,175	304,772	272,875	343,100	.102	.112	27,833	38,427	
FRUITS AND NUTS															
APPLES, COM'L CROP.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,011	1,248	768	2.25	2.20	2,808	1,690	
PEACHES, TOTAL CROP.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,971	3,160	2,905	2.30	1.45	7,268	4,212	
PEARS.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	298	299	298	1.85	1.80	553	536	
GRAPES.....	TON	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.1	5.6	200	180	1,020	1,008	
PECANS, ALL.....	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,686	1,344	2,040	.398	.334	535	682	
IMPROVED.....	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,383	1,224	1,734	.406	.342	497	593	
SEEDLING.....	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	303	120	306	.318	.291	38	89	
UNITED STATES															
CORN, ALL.....	BU.	90,083	88,489	83,981	29.4	36.7	28.6	2,639,102	3,249,950	2,400,952	1.56	2.35	5,081,927	5,640,283	
WHEAT, ALL.....	BU.	57,036	67,075	74,186	15.6	17.2	18.4	890,306	1,153,046	1,364,919	1.91	2.41	2,203,247	3,288,905	
OATS.....	BU.	37,101	43,205	38,648	31.2	34.7	31.5	1,161,282	1,497,904	1,215,970	.81	1.03	1,213,755	1,249,451	
BARLEY.....	BU.	12,407	10,411	10,947	22.9	25.2	25.5	287,360	262,258	279,182	1.36	1.71	356,657	476,870	
RYE.....	BU.	3,164	1,607	2,022	11.9	11.7	12.8	37,934	18,879	25,977	1.92	2.43	36,169	63,180	
BUCKWHEAT.....	BU.	415	391	518	16.8	18.2	14.2	6,954	7,124	7,334	1.48	1.97	10,517	14,484	
COTTON, LINT.....	LB.	23,845	17,615	21,148	250.6	235.3	265.4	12,390	8,640	11,694	3264	3130	1,409,671	1,829,506	
COTTONSEED.....	TON	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,143	3,513	4,744	71.90	85.40	252,674	404,979	
HAY, ALL.....	TON	72,373	74,173	75,291	1.30	1.36	1.36	94,490	100,739	102,500	16.70	17.30	1,678,505	1,776,272	
HAY, WILD.....	TON	12,641	13,861	14,600	.87	.83	.91	10,975	11,544	13,306	-	-	-	-	
SORGHUM FOR FORAGE.....	TON	8,504	6,240	4,861	1.37	1.38	1.25	11,773	8,601	6,070	14.60	17.30	125,755	105,054	
SORGHUM FOR SILAGE.....	TON	869	644	668	5.55	5.72	5.16	4,888	3,685	3,445	-	-	-	-	
LESPEDEZA SEED.....	LB.	746	935	756	197	221	204	151,164	206,800	153,960	.0806	.1120	16,673	17,277	
SOYBEANS FOR BEANS.....	BU.	6,418	9,806	11,125	18.2	20.5	16.3	117,886	201,275	181,362	2.57	3.29	516,387	596,702	
COWPEAS FOR PEAS.....	BU.	1,197	566	587	5.2	5.8	5.9	6,239	3,263	3,458	4.47	5.04	14,572	17,436	
PEANUTS FOR NUTS.....	LB.	2,383	3,142	3,378	719	649	667	1,672,885	2,038,355	2,251,640	.0910	1.020	185,399	229,810	
POTATOES.....	BU.	2,862	2,598	2,112	131.6	186.3	182.0	376,122	484,174	384,407	1.24	1.57	598,466	601,685	
SWEET POTATOES.....	BU.	738	676	611	87.2	98.2	93.5	64,200	66,424	57,178	2.18	2.15	144,496	123,039	
TOBACCO: FLUE-CURED.....	LB.	922.3	1188.8	1183.2	950	1,137	1,125	877,891	1,352,024	1,311,346	.483	-	653,418	-	
ALL TYPES.....	LB.	1,592	1,962	1,875	971	1,182	1,156	1,548,389	2,319,409	2,167,702	.450	.434	1,044,622	941,746	
SORGHUM SIRUP.....	GAL.	198	177	162	58.5	67.4	61.0	11,537	11,934	9,885	2.13	1.76	25,361	17,372	
APPLES, COMMERCIAL.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,896	119,410	112,503	2.46	2.24	292,757	246,191	
PEACHES, ALL.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,936	86,643	82,981	2.13	1.67	183,533	138,435	
PEARS, ALL.....	BU.	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,510	34,447	35,350	2.44	2.08	84,047	73,351	
GRAPES, ALL.....	TON	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,579	3,120	3,094	94.00	40.20	293,118	124,518	
PECANS, ALL (12 STATES)	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,784	76,706	100,209	.338	.251	25,949	25,191	
IMPROVED.....	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,519	33,635	42,887	.401	.309	13,484	13,273	
SEEDLINGS.....	LB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,265	43,071	57,322	.289	.208	12,465	11,918	

1/ The values shown are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.

2/ Bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

3/ Estimates for 1946 include 1,379,000 bushels from 4,470 acres unharvested but purchased by Government under price support program.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL TRUCK CROPS - 1946 AND PRELIMINARY 1947 -

CROPS AND UNITS	ACREAGE HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			PRICE		VALUE ^{1/}	
	AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	AVERAGE 1936-45	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	^{2/} - ACRES			^{2/}			^{2/} - THOUSANDS			- DOLLARS -		- 1000 DOLLARS -	
FOR FRESH MARKET:													
LIMA BEANS.....BU.	1,220	250	300	47	60	60	60	15	18	4.00	3.10	60	56
SNAP BEANS, ALL.....BU.	11,401	11,950	13,680	84	98	101	965	1,180	1,378	1.94	1.32	2,233	1,544
LATE SPRING.....BU.	7,030	4,400	5,100	60	90	85	3/ 403	396	3/434	1.90	1.55	752	606
5/ LATE SUMMER (WEST).....BU.	5,020	6,400	7,680	96	110	120	3/ 474	704	3/922	2.00	1.20	1,408	907
EARLY FALL.....BU.	840	1,330	900	62	60	25	3/ 50	3/ 80	22	1.40	1.40	73	31
BEETS.....BU.	220	280	250	215	220	165	3/ 49	62	3/ 41	1.35	1.70	84	61
CABBAGE, ALL.....TON	7,284	7,250	7,600	5.5	6.6	5.5	39.9	47.8	41.5	33.39	52.34	1,573	2,172
LATE SPRING.....TON	1,590	1,650	1,700	4.6	6.6	4.5	3/ 7.4	3/ 10.9	7.6	47.90	83.20	489	632
LATE SUMMER (WEST).....TON	4,360	3,300	3,600	6.2	7.0	7.5	27.2	23.1	27.0	32.80	41.70	758	1,126
LATE FALL.....TON	1,420	2,300	2,300	4.9	6.0	3.0	6.5	13.8	6.9	23.60	60.00	326	414
CANTALOUPE.....*CRATE	5,190	5,400	5,100	62	43	50	327	232	255	1.85	1.75	429	446
CUCUMBERS.....BU.	4,050	6,300	7,400	71	80	80	284	504	592	2.20	1.75	1,109	1,036
LETTUCE.....70 LB. CRATE	1,320	1,400	1,200	88	180	60	3/ 112	3/ 252	72	1.50	4.50	236	324
GREEN PEAS.....BU.	2,110	200	100	58	75	50	3/ 126	15	5	1.30	1.60	20	8
GREEN PEPPERS.....BU.	2,090	3,600	3,300	168	165	125	334	594	412	1.45	1.35	861	556
4/ IRISH POTATOES, COMMERCIAL EARLY.....BU.	35,250	36,000	29,000	132	225	170	4,652	8,100	4,930	1.15	1.50	9,315	7,395
STRAWBERRIES.....24 QT. CRATE	5,090	2,200	2,400	85	80	60	440	176	144	10.90	7.35	1,918	1,058
TOMATOES.....BU.	1,180	350	300	69	75	75	84	26	22	2.05	1.95	53	43
WATERMELONS.....MELON	9,920	11,000	9,900	217	220	225	2,143	2,420	2,227	.413	.180	999	401
FOR PROCESSING:													
SNAP BEANS.....TON	1,520	1,600	1,200	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.6	95.00	85.00	228	136
CUCUMBERS.....BU.	5,480	6,800	7,400	81	67	87	443	456	644	1.15	1.20	524	773

^{1/} Value is for the marketing season and should not be confused with calendar year income. ^{2/} The 10-year average figures are the averages of the yearly totals. ^{3/} Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Snap Beans, early fall-28,000 bushels in 1946; late spring-43,000 and late summer-166,000 in 1947. Beets-5,000 bushels in 1947. Cabbage-late spring, 700 tons in 1946. Lettuce-95,000 crates in 1946. ^{4/} Includes 1,379,000 bushels from 4,470 acres unharvested and purchased by Government under price support program in 1946. Government payments for these quantities included in value of production. ^{5/} 8-year averages, 1938-45.

* Cantaloups estimated in equivalent jumbo crates (approximately 70 pounds).

PRICES RECEIVED

The major changes in prices received by North Carolina farmers for the month ending November 15 showed sharp drops in the price of hogs, corn and cottonseed. Moderate price declines were also noted for tobacco (Type 12), barley, chickens, baled hay, Irish potatoes and Sweet potatoes. However, wheat at \$2.83 per bushel advanced 20 cents during the month and was the highest price recorded since July 1920. Prices received for tobacco (Type 11), oats, cotton lint, beef cattle, veal calves, sheep, eggs, milk, peanuts, loose hay, apples, and lespedeza seed were slightly to moderately higher than on October 15. The price of rye, lambs, butter, butterfat and soybeans remained unchanged from a month earlier. The price of hogs received by U. S. farmers dropped sharply during the past month.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS NOVEMBER 15, 1947
WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA		U. S.
		Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947	Nov. 15 1947
- DOLLARS -				
TOBACCO:				
TYPE 11....	Lb.	.398	.395	-
TYPE 12....	Lb.	.414	.460	-
CORN.....	BU.	2.07	2.26	2.19
WHEAT.....	BU.	2.83	2.63	2.74
OATS.....	BU.	1.24	1.16	1.09
BARLEY.....	BU.	1.93	1.96	1.87
RYE.....	BU.	2.85	2.85	2.49
COTTON.....	Lb.	.315	.313	.319
COTTONSEED.....	TON	78.00	85.00	89.10
HOGS.....	CWT.	23.40	25.70	24.20
BEEF CATTLE...	CWT.	16.00	15.10	18.80
VEAL CALVES...	CWT.	21.20	21.10	21.40
SHEEP.....	CWT.	8.70	8.20	8.63
LAMBS.....	CWT.	20.30	20.30	20.80
CHICKENS.....	Lb.	.27	.29	.249
EGGS.....	DOZ.	.66	.65	.534
MILK: (WHSE.)...	CWT	5.40	5.35	4.80
RETAIL.....	QT.	.20	.19	.184
BUTTER.....	Lb.	.61	.61	.681
BUTTERFAT.....	Lb.	.60	.60	.78
PEANUTS.....	Lb.	.11	.105	.101
SOYBEANS.....	BU.	2.85	2.85	3.43
COWPEAS.....	BU.	4.30	4.70	4.48
HAY, ALL LOOSE	TON	29.50	29.30	17.30
HAY, ALL BALED	TON	35.80	36.50	-
WOOL.....	Lb.	.49	.49	.408
POTATOES.....	BU.	1.75	1.80	1.66
SWEET POTATOES	BU.	1.95	2.05	1.95
APPLES, COMM'L	BU.	2.50	2.10	2.17
LESPEDeza SEED	Lb.	10.90	10.00	9.18

FEED PRICES

Feed prices paid by North Carolina farmers on November 15, 1947, were higher than a month earlier. However, the increase from October to November was less than that shown during other recent months. Middlings, mixed dairy feeds, and laying mash made increases while cottonseed meal dropped off 5 cents per hundred pounds. Bran, corn meal, scratch feed and tankage remained at October's level. For the first time since June tankage showed no change over the previous month's price.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS NOVEMBER 15, 1947
WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY PER HUNDRED WEIGHT	N. CAROLINA		U. S.	
	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947
- DOLLARS -				
BRAN.....	4.30	4.30	3.77	3.78
MIDDINGS.....	4.70	4.60	4.24	4.24
CORN MEAL.....	6.20	6.20	5.19	5.24
COTTONSEED MEAL.....	4.45	4.50	5.07	5.06
MIXED DAIRY FEED:				
16% PROTEIN.....	4.45	4.35	4.43	4.38
18% PROTEIN.....	4.75	4.65	4.66	4.62
20% PROTEIN.....	4.85	4.80	4.81	4.76
LAYING MASH.....	5.80	5.70	5.40	5.39
SCRATCH FEED.....	5.60	5.60	5.31	5.26
TANKAGE.....	7.20	7.20	7.37	7.43

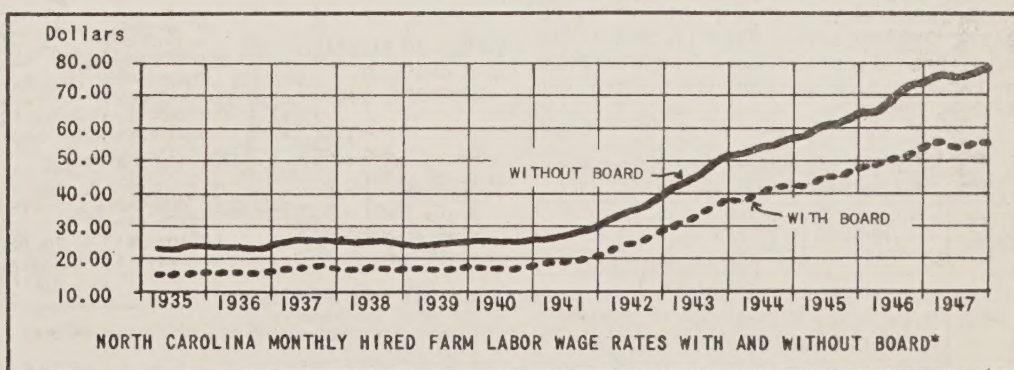
NOVEMBER INDEX DECLINE

The "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, which declined 7 points during the month, marked the first decline since May. The tobacco index dropped 21 points from October and 27 points from last November. The dairy products index increased 7 points.

NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES INDEX NUMBERS
(N.C. PRICES RECEIVED 1909-14 = 100 PERCENT)

COMMODITY	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947	Nov. 15 1946	Nov. 15 1945	Nov. 15 1944
	1947	1947	1946	1945	1944
N.C. INDEX NUMBERS					
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	275	282	276	236	228
TOBACCO.....	315	336	342	341	347
COTTON & COTTONSEED	258	260	251	178	165
GRAINS.....	246	245	206	156	161
MEAT ANIMALS.....	353	358	335	219	197
POULTRY.....	308	309	285	266	245
DAIRY PRODUCTS.....	238	231	228	179	173
MISCELLANEOUS.....	231	227	227	213	190
RATIO OF PRICES RECEIVED TO PAID*	114	118	130	135	133
U.S. INDEX NUMBERS					
PRICES RECEIVED.....	287	289	263	205	196
PRICES PAID.....	242	239	212	175	171
RATIO OF PRICES RECEIVED TO PAID.....	119	121	124	117	115

*Ratio of N.C. prices received to U.S. paid.



* Monthly average wage rates computed quarterly for each year.

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COMPARISON OF UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND PARITY PRICES *

COMMODITY	PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS		PARITY OR COMPARABLE PRICES		ACTUAL PRICE AS PERCENTAGE OF PARITY	
	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947	Nov. 15 1947	Oct. 15 1947
	- DOLLARS -		- DOLLARS -		- DOLLARS -	
COTTON, PER LB.....	.3187	.3065	.3001	.2964	106	103
WHEAT, PER BU.....	2.74	2.66	2.14	2.11	128	126
CORN, PER BU.....	2.19	2.23	1.55	1.53	141	146
OATS, PER BU.....	1.09	1.09	.966	.954	113	114
BARLEY, PER BU.....	1.87	1.77	1.50	1.48	125	120
RYE, PER BU.....	2.49	2.49	1.74	1.72	143	145
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.....	18.80	19.30	13.10	13.00	144	148
HOGS, PER CWT.....	24.20	27.60	17.60	17.40	138	159
LAMBS, PER CWT.....	20.80	20.30	14.20	14.10	146	144
CHICKENS, PER LB.....	.249	.266	.276	.272	90	98
EGGS, PER DOZ.....	.534	.553	.624	.596	86	93
MILK, WHOLESALE, PER CWT.....	4.80	4.66	4.26	4.08	113	114

* Parity means a price for the farmer's products which will give it an exchange value for things the farmer needs to buy equal to that in a specified base period (usually 1909-14)

EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

Layers on North Carolina farms produced an estimated total of 45 million eggs during November, compared with 59 million eggs during the previous month, and 46 million eggs in November a year ago. Total layers on farms is estimated at 8,165,000, which represents no change from that of last month. The monthly rate of lay is estimated at 552 eggs per 100 layers, compared with 725 eggs per 100 layers during October.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

North Carolina's commercial hatcheries produced an estimated 1,034,000 chicks during October 1947. This is 19 percent less than the output for the previous month but is 28 percent more than for October a year ago.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED PER 100 CHICKS BY
NORTH CAROLINA HATCHERIES, NOVEMBER 1, 1947

BREED	STRAIGHT RUN		SEXED PULLETS		SEXED COCKERELS	
	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Oct. 1
	- DOLLARS PER 100 CHICKS -					
HEAVY	15.80	15.80	20.00	19.00	13.00	13.50
LIGHT	16.20	16.50	26.00	27.00	7.00	6.50
CROSS	15.70	15.70	19.00	19.00	14.00	14.00

LESPEDeza SEED PRODUCTION

Production of lespedeza seed in this State this year is estimated at 33,600,000 pounds, or 18 percent smaller than the 40,900,000 pounds produced last year. Prospective yields on December 1 were indicated at 210 pounds per acre.

FARM LABOR SITUATION

On December 1 there were a million and a half fewer people working on farms in the United States than a month ago. A third of this decrease was in hired workers. However, the number of persons employed at farm work was at about the same level as on December 1 last year.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1947

The month of November was exceptionally rainy with few stations showing more than two consecutive days without rain until the last week. From the 24th through the 30th, however, there was very little rain. Rainfall was near normal in the

extreme west, but piedmont and south-east sections showed an excess of over 5 inches, the central section near 3 inches and the extreme northeast section near 4 inches. The average for the State was 6.35 inches, or 4.71 inches above normal.

